

FORECAST
HEAVY FROST TONIGHT.
FAIR, WARMER FRIDAY.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER
Maximum Yesterday, 50;
Minimum Today, 28.

Forty-sixth Year.
Daily—Eleventh Year.

MEDFORD OREGON, THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1916

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48 LIVES LOST WHEN STEAMER TURNS TURTLE

Steamer Roanoke Capsizes and All Aboard Perish Save Three Rescued in Lifeboat—Vessel Overturned in Heavy Sea Which Broke into Hold.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Cal., May 11.—The Union Oil company's tanker Lansing arrived at Port San Luis shortly after noon today and reported no trace of wreckage or survivors of the steamer Roanoke. The Lansing has been cruising about last night and today in the hope of rescuing some of the forty-one or more of the Roanoke's crew believed now to be lost.

As far as could be learned authoritatively at noon, only three men, those rescued from a drifting lifeboat last night at Port San Luis, have survived the Roanoke disaster.

Quartermaster Joseph Erbe of the Roanoke said today that the vessel overturned in a heavy sea which broke into the hold, listing the vessel and finally rolling it over. Erbe was brought in last night in a lifeboat with five dead companions and three alive.

Vessel Turned Turtle.

"Great waves had been breaking over the ship," said Erbe. "I was in the stokehole just making for the deck when the water began to flood the engine room in torrents. Then the vessel gave a sudden list to port and the water rushed into the hold. The list became heavier as the water flooded in and suddenly the Roanoke turned over."

"We were able to launch out of ten lifeboats only the ones on the port side. I was in the boat with the captain and his wife, the third mate and five sailors. It capsized. Mrs. Dickson, the captain's wife, sank. Captain Dickson dove for her. I never saw either of them again."

"I, the mate and one sailor clutched a spar and hung to it until another boat picked us up. I roker and rowed—I don't remember how long—and here I am."

The five dead men in the boat with Erbe were chilled to death. They were dressed only in their undershirts and trousers. Erbe didn't know whether or not all of the crew got into boats before the Roanoke sank.

The quartermaster is still in a weakened condition in the sanitarium here.

Fifty-One Aboard.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 11.—Forty-eight, and probably fifty-one persons were on board the steamer Roanoke, according to the list of officers and crew. In addition, it was said there were three Mexicans whose names were not listed shipped on the vessel.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Cal., May 11.—Scent hope remained today for the rescue of forty-one members of the crew of the old steamer Roanoke, which, loaded with commercial explosives, rolled over and sank Tuesday afternoon 100 miles south of San Francisco.

As completely as before the days of wireless telegraphy, the tragedy was buried until last night, when one ship's boat entered the harbor at Port San Luis, bearing three sailors on the verge of death and five dead bodies.

According to the story told by Quartermaster Erbe, the Roanoke's

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CUT BACK FROZEN GRAPE VINE TIPS

LODI (San Joaquin county), May 11.—Hundreds of men are at work here cutting back the shoots of grape vines damaged by the frost. It is hoped by so doing to minimize the damage.

Deputy Horticultural Commissioner Tibbs advised that the vines be cut back to a point behind the parts affected by the frost, and the more experienced growers say his advice is sound. Some vineyardists, however, say that cutting the vines back accomplishes but little good.

ASQUITH VISITS IRELAND TO HELP RESTORE ORDER

Premier Leaves for Dublin to Prepare Program of Reforms—Fourteen Persons Executed for Treason 73 Sentenced to Prison, 6 to Hard Labor—180 Killed, 614 Wounded.

LONDON, May 11.—Premier Asquith announced in the house of commons this afternoon that he felt it to be his duty to go to Dublin today.

Mr. Asquith said he would leave for Dublin within a few hours. His trip, he explained, would not be made with the intention of superseding the executive authorities in Ireland, but for the purpose of consulting the civilian and military authorities at first hand and arriving at some arrangement for the future which would commend itself to Irishmen of all parties and to parliament. He added that the present government of Ireland was in an unsatisfactory position, which could not continue indefinitely.

Mr. Asquith added that the police were preparing lists of the killed and wounded so there may be additions to the total as given by him. It had been found impossible, he said, to separate names of insurgents killed or wounded from those of other civilians.

Fourteen Executions.

Fourteen persons have been executed in Ireland, Harold J. Tennant, parliamentary under-secretary for war, told a questioner in the house of commons today. Seventy-three persons have received sentences of penal servitude and six of imprisonment at hard labor, the under-secretary added.

The number of casualties among civilians in the uprising in Ireland up to May 9 was given by Premier Asquith in the house of commons today as 180 killed and 614 wounded.

Irish affairs occupied today even a more important position in the public mind than they did at the time of the home rule controversy. Both houses of parliament are again engaged with them today. John Dillon's motion for discussion of the executions in Ireland comes up in the house of commons, and the house of lords is considering Lord Londonderry's motion expressing dissatisfaction with the Irish administration.

Debate in Commons.

The debate in the house of commons is regarded as the more important, for there the government comes under the cross-fire of the whole Irish party and of a large number of liberal members who are determined to bring to an end not only arrests and executions in Ireland, but martial law.

The execution in County Cork of Thomas Kent, although it took place before Premier Asquith gave his assurance that no further death sentences would be carried out until the debate was concluded, has brought out further protests from Irish parliamentary circles. The nationalists also are concerned at the continued arrest and deportation to England for confinement in English jails of rebels from all parts of the country. The number of arrests has not yet been made known, but it must be several thousand.

A number of lists containing 400 or more names of persons arrested have been published. The latest estimates of casualties in Dublin place them at about 2000, of which 400 were killed. These figures include soldiers, insurgents and civilians.

Recruiting Stimulated.

The fact is noted in Dublin that

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GERMANS SHOOT SOCIALIST AGITATORS

BERNEVA, Switzerland, May 11.—Swiss socialist report they have information that three German officers and thirty-two soldiers, all socialists, have been shot for distributing in the trenches a pamphlet concerning the second socialist peace conference at Zimmerwald, near Bern. At this conference protests were made by socialists of many countries against methods of warfare which the delegates said had been adapted by the Germans.

A BITTER PILL!



SWALLOW INSULT FROM AMERICA TO WIN VICTORY

LONDON, May 11.—What purports to be a summary of the speech of Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, at the secret sitting of the general committee of the Reichstag of May 5, concerning Germany's reply to America, is published by the Wireless Press today under a Berne date. The Wireless Press states that the following remarks by the chancellor may be accepted as unquestionably authentic.

"I have said before that we must drop all sentimentalities. I repeat that. With regard to our dispute with America, our self-respect was wounded by the aggressive wording of the American note to Germany. Our feelings urge us to reject this interference with our legitimate methods of warfare, and tell America to mind her own business, but considerations of policy compel us to subordinate patriotic zeal to patriotic reason. We must be guided, however, not by our feelings, but by the coolest judgment."

"We have one aim and one duty, namely, to win the war; therefore any policy which endangers our victory must be avoided. The overwhelming majority of expert opinion regards a rupture of relations with America as a grave peril."

TURKS DEFEAT RUSSIAN FORCES

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 11, via London.—In an all-day battle in the Mount Kage sector on the Caucasus front the Turks drove the Russians out of positions nearly ten miles in length, capturing more than 500 men and four machine guns, according to the day's official announcement by the Turkish war department.

FILIBUSTER AGAINST RIVERS AND HARBORS

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Senator Kuylen today began the third day of his attack on the rivers and harbors appropriation bill in the senate.

Senator Kuylen yielded the floor during the afternoon, saying he would resume later, and senator Sherman took up speaking against the bill.

YAKIMA ORCHARDS HARD HIT BY FROST DAMAGE IS HEAVY

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., May 11.—Several fruit sections adjacent to this city, which suffered frost injury Sunday, were hit again this morning when the temperature dropped to 32 in the city and to 20 in some low places in the orchard district. In some orchards the damage was heavy. Ice formed in several localities. Early reports indicate that the Selah district growers lost practically everything last Sunday.

NEUTRALS SEEK TO PROMOTE PEACE

NEW YORK, May 11.—In response to an appeal from The Netherlands anti-war council, a meeting at which will be considered a proposal that President Wilson be urged to promote a conference of neutral nations to offer mediation in the European war will be called soon in this country. This was announced today by Hamilton Holt, chairman of the American branch of the central organization for durable peace. The meeting will be held by American members of the central organization with a view of cooperation with other peace societies later.

TAXPAYERS' LEAGUE REPUDIATES RECALL TO THE PEOPLE OF JACKSON COUNTY

The Jackson County Taxpayers' league is in no way connected with the petitions circulated to recall the county court, does not endorse such proceedings and is not responsible for them.

The Taxpayers' league is constructive, not destructive in purposes. Its object is to cooperate with public officials in eliminating waste, effecting economies, reducing taxation and securing better government.

The Taxpayers' league is non-political. It has a useful purpose in view which can only be attained by keeping politics and spite out of the organization.

JOHN A. WESTERLUND,
President Jackson County Taxpayers' League.

METHODISTS TO BALLOT FOR NEW BISHOPS SUNDAY

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., May 11.—Balloting for new bishops, one of the most important matters to come before the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, will begin next Sunday. The conference so decided today.

The report of the committee on episcopacy ordered for May 12 is awaited with interest as it not only will indicate how many bishops are to be retired, but how many elected.

An unsuccessful attempt was made today to change the conference rules to permit the election of bishops by a majority instead of a two-thirds majority.

Upon motion of George E. Elliott of Mount Clemens, Mich., a lay delegate, the conference adopted a resolution to inform congress that the conference is opposed to pending legislation to amend the postal laws by giving the postmaster general power to deny the privilege of the mails to any publication containing articles tending to excite any race or creed to hatred, contempt or ridicule.

BARBER SHOP WHERE YOU SHAVE YOURSELF

CHICAGO, May 11.—A barber shop where you shave yourself was started in the downtown district today. It is called a "shaveria" and is said to be the first of its kind. The patron has his choice of the safety or old-fashioned style razor. The charge is 10 cents.

HEAVY FIGHTING IN PROGRESS ON VERDUN REGION

Germans Launch Offensive East of Meuse, Near Vaux, Which Are Repulsed—French Attack Dead Man's Hill and Hill 304—Broken by German Fire—Russian Line Captured.

LONDON, May 11.—The Germans have launched offensive attacks east of the Meuse in the Verdun region, attacking the French near Vaux, northeast of the fortress. The attack was unsuccessful, Paris declares.

The French themselves are making vigorous attacks in the Verdun region, according to Berlin, which announces an assault near Dead Man's hill and another southeast of Hill 304. Both of these attacks were broken up by German fire, it is declared.

All along the eastern front the Russians are being made the objects of occasional sharp thrusts by the Teutonic allies.

Berlin today reports the capture of 500 yards of a Russian position near Selburg.

Considerable increased activity is reported from the Balkans. There has been much firing by heavy artillery and some infantry clashes have occurred on the Macedonian frontier. Athens dispatches today report brisk fighting north of Aylona, apparently indicating that the Austrians are about to move against the Italians.

German Statement.

BERLIN, May 11.—Two French attacks on the Verdun front, one delivered near Dead Man's Hill and the other southeast of Hill 304, broke down with considerable losses under the German fire, the war office announced today.

On the eastern front heavier fighting is under way. The Germans in one engagement captured 500 yards of Russian positions, taking 300 prisoners. The statement follows:

"Western front: German aeroplanes dropped bombs on Dunkirk and the railroads near Adinkerke."

At Dead Man's Hill.

"On the Verdun front west of the Meuse the French again made an attack near Dead Man's Hill in the afternoon, and southeast of Hill 304 in the evening. Both attacks brought down in the face of our machine guns and artillery fire, with considerable losses to the enemy."

"In Camarod forest a Bavarian patrol captured 54 French soldiers."

"The number of unaccounted French soldiers captured since May 4 in the fighting near Hill 304 has reached 53 officers and 1515 men."

"On the Verdun front, east of the Meuse, there was hand-grenade fighting all night in the vicinity of Gaillette wood. A French attack on the wood was repulsed."

"Eastern front: Southeast of the railroad station at Selburg the Germans took by storm 500 yards of enemy positions, capturing 300 unaccounted Russians and several machine guns and mine throwers."

French Statement.

PARIS, May 11.—German troops last night attacked French positions near Vaux Pond, on the Verdun front, east of the Meuse. The war office announced that this attack was repulsed.

West of the Meuse, the statement says, there was a vigorous artillery action near Avocourt wood.

The text of the statement follows:

"In the Champagne our five divisions a German trench 100 meters in

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TRAIN ROBBERS GIVEN LIFE IMPRISONMENT

CHENAYNE, Wyo., May 11.—William L. Carlisle was sentenced to life imprisonment in the district court today in conformity with the recommendation of the jury, which late yesterday returned a verdict of guilty on charges of robbing a Union Pacific passenger train near Cobalt Junction, April 4.

Carlisle will be delivered at the penitentiary at Rawlins late today. Counsel for the defendant plan to appeal.

SCOTT RENEWS WAR CONFERENCE WITH OBREGON

American Operations on Mexican Border Still Indeterminate as to Time—Militia Mustered into Army for Period of State Enlistment—Americans Again Warned.

EL PASO, Texas, May 11.—Negotiations looking toward a settlement of the American-Mexican military questions were resumed at 10 o'clock this morning between Major General Hugh L. Scott and Frederick Funston, representing the United States, and General Alvaro Obregon, minister of war of the de facto government, and Juan N. Amador, sub-secretary of foreign affairs in Mexico.

A recess was taken at 1 o'clock and General Scott announced that the conference "had made progress and we may have something to say when we meet again at 4 o'clock."

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Further indications that American army operations on the Mexican border are still indeterminate as to time, were given today in official quarters. It was announced at the war department that the National Guard of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico will be mustered into the army for the period of their state enlistments and with no specific time of service stated.

The war department had no reports today of another incursion on American territory near Eagle Pass, Texas. There were also no official advices that American troops had actually crossed the border in the Big Bend region, although it was believed probable that some had done so.

Women to Leave.

American consuls throughout Mexico have been instructed to call attention of Americans again to the state department's repeated warnings that this government regards their presence there as undesirable. Secretary Lansing has stated that ever since the present difficulty arose the department's agents have been urging Americans to leave. The last census of Americans in Mexico taken by the state department six weeks ago showed less than 3000 throughout the country. Most of them are near Mexico City and extreme east and west coast points, few remaining in Chihuahua and Sonora.

Secretary Lansing said the new instructions sent yesterday to the consuls to renew attention of Americans that the department desires to have them leave Mexico were primarily to secure reports regarding the result of their endeavors so far.

POWER COMPANY WINS TRINITY COUNTY

SAN FRANCISCO, May 11.—John D. McKee of the Mercantile National bank and the California-Oregon Power company, has been awarded a decision by the railroad commission over W. F. Deeter, a director of the Mercantile National and president of the Northern California Power company, Consolidated.

The prize at stake was the exclusive right to supply power to most of Trinity county, and especially to the Yukon Gold company, which is operating at Coffee creek.

The California-Oregon Power company, which received a franchise from the county on January 7, 1915, scored a clean win over its competitor. The necessary installation will cost about \$50,000.

MONK ADVISOR OF CZAR KILLED

BERLIN, May 11.—Gregory Rasputin, the Russian monk, who is reputed to have exercised great influence over Emperor Nicholas, has been assassinated, according to reports from Petrograd received in Bucharest, says the Overseas News Agency today.